वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० आर० दास मुंशी) : (क) से (ग) एक ही सभा शुल्क कार्यालय के विभिन्न अनुभागों से माल निकासी सुगम बनाने के लिए वास्तविक प्रयोक्ता लाइसेंसों के साथ सबसिडियरी लाइसेंस देने का निश्चय किया गया है । सबसिडियरी लाइसेंस देने की शर्तें दिनांक 3 नवम्बर, 1988 के आयात व्यापार नियंत्रण सार्वजनिक सूचना सं० 70-आईटीसी (पीएन)/88-91 में दी गई हैं जिसकी प्रतियां संसद के पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं । उन सभी पात्र व्यक्तियों को सबसिडियरी लाइसेंस दिया जाएगा जो उपर्युक्त सूचना में दी गई सभी शर्तें पूरी करते हैं ।

Reduction in Customs Duty on Drugs

2541. SHRI JAGESH DESAI:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the drugs/drug intermediates for which customs duty was reduced in the current year's Budget;

(b) what was the earlier duty and what is the present duty;

(c) whether his Ministry has studied -the loss to Exchequer;

(d) if so, what are the details -thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the objective to reduce the duty was to provide the benefit to public;

(f) whether it is also a fact that consequent to duty reduction, prices of resultant bulk drugs and formulations have not been reduced by producers;

(g) if so, what immediate steps have been taken to provide the benefit to poor consumers; and

(h) what are the details and outcome of such steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) to (d) In the current year's budget, the rate of import duty (basic and auxiliary) on 235 drug intermediates was reduced from 115 per cent to 90 per cent ad valorem. These drug-intermediates have been listed in Notification No. 14/ 88-Customs, dated the 1st March, 1988 which has been laid on the Table of the House. The estimated net revenue loss on account of this reduction in import duty is Rs. 1000 lakhs in one full year.

(e) to (h) The objective of the import duty reduction was to make available essential drugs at lower prices. The impact of customs duty reduction on drug intermediates is taken into account while fixing the prices of concerned bulk drugs and consequently get reflected in the prices of their formulations. The drug manufacturers and their Association have already been directed to pass on the benefits to the extent of duty concession to the consumer.

Rationalisation of Duties

2542. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI;
SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what steps have been taken to associate cost experts with exercises concerning the rationalisation of duties and revenue intelligenc? through Department of Revenue Intelligence;

(b) what steps have been taken to utilise the services of cost experts for ex-post facto examination of the benefits to the consumers of the duty concession..; announced by his Ministry from time to time;

(c) whether it is a fact that this task is not being done by any agency at present; and

(d) by when full plan of action would be drawn up and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) Government have their own mechanism for obtain-in", expert advice on costs relating to industries. Such advice is taken as and when considered necessary, both in the context of rationalisation of duties and for evaluating the benefit of duty concessions.

Development Plans for lUfarakhand

2543. SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 364 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the details of the plans for the development of Uttatakhand, the hilly regions of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) to what extent these develop- ment programmes have been executed;
and

(c) what are the details of the plans under execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh are covered under the Hill Area DPvelopment programme, which has been in operation since 1974-75, Government of Uttar Pradesh has decentralised the planning process in order to achieve the objective of balanced regional development and to meet the aspirations of the local people.

2. According to the information received from the Planning Commission, a separate sub-plan is being implemented for the UP. Hill areas which is funded partly from the Strife Government Plan and partly from Special Central Assistance. The UP. hill areas J sre the major beneficiaries of this Special Central Assistance since 63.6 per cent (Rs. 553.50 crores) of the total SCA (Rs. 870 crores) kept for the 7th Plan under the Hill Areas Development Programme is shared by them. Progress in various sectors of development—both financial and physical— during the 7th Five-Year Plan as furnished by the Planning Commission, is given in Annexures I [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 114] II [See Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 115. & III [See Appendix CXLVIII. Annexure No. 116.]

Special Assistance to Punjab for Modernising State Police

2544. SHRI PA WAN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state-.

(a) whether the Punjab Government has sought special assistance for modernising the State Police set-up;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard: and

(c) what is the response of the Central Government to the State's plea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Killing by Terrorists in Chandigarft

2545. SHRI PAW AN KUMAR BAN-SAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the killings by terrorists in Chandigarh during the last one year; and